



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: Y. TAKAHASHI et al  
Serial No. 10/078,399  
Filed: February 21, 2002  
Group Art Unit: 1773  
Examiner: K. Bernatz

For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND ITS MANUFACTURING  
METHOD AND MAGNETIC RECORDING SYSTEM USING SUCH  
A MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/078,399, filed on February 21, 2002, entitled MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD AND MAGNETIC RECORDING SYSTEM USING SUCH A MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, by the inventor named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application,  
including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW  
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee							\$	770.00
Total Claims	3	-	20	=	0	x	18	= \$ .00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x	84	= \$ .00
Total Filing Fee							\$	770.00

3. A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 1-7 and 11 before calculating the Filing Fee. A Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 10/078,399, filed February 21, 2002.

7. New drawings are enclosed, seven (7) sheets, Figs. 1-13(b).

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi Global Storage Technologies Japan, Ltd.

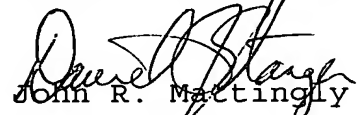
10. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 2001-363565, filed November 29, 2001.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present divisional application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/078,399, as originally filed on February 21, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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